the backward areas during the last three years:

Year	Letters of Intenc		Industrial Licences		DGTD Registrations	
	Total	Backward Areas	Total	Backward Areas	Total	Backward Areas
1984	1064	627 (58 92%)	905	323 (35.69%)	1915	1144 (59 73%)
1985	1457	774 (53 12%)	985	427 (43.35%)	1961	1140 (58 13%)
1986	1130	621 (54.95%)	618	278 (44.98%)	1162	610 (52 49%)

The incentive scheme for develop-Mient of backward areas evolved by Central Government is constantly reviewed in the light of the experience gained. An Inter-Ministerial Committee was constituted in the year 1985 to review and revise the incentive scheme for industrialisation of backward areas and industrial dispersal. The Committee has since submitted its report and its recommendations are under consideration of the Government

Prime Minister's Directive of Faster Growth

1454. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been- drawn to a news item which appeared in 'the Hindustan Times' dated the 1st January, 1987 under the caption 'PM's directive on faster growth goes unheeded', if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) the details of 134 public sector projects costing Rs. 44, 000 crores which have been delayed and have reported cost escalation; and

(c) the steps taken *to* check such trends?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTER-PRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF IN-DUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY):

(a) The news item refers to drawing up of Action Plans. Appropriate Action Plans are being drawn up by various administrative Ministries/De-_ partments.

(b) Details'are enclosed. *[See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 61].

(c) The following steps are being taken to check such trends:

(i) Preparation of realistic project implementation plans;

(ii) Effective monitoring through Monthly Flash Report and Quarterly Status Report Monitoring System;

(iii) Constant pressure on project authorities for expeditious comple-$_e$ tion;

(iv) Inter-Ministerial co-ordination and inter-action; and

(v) Close follow-up by concerned Ministries and project authorities with State Governments, equipment suppliers, Consultants and other concerned agencies *to* minimise de- lays.

Closure of Tannery and Footwear Corporation

1455. SHRl SUKENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of Sec-retaries has recommended the closure